

K. U. IN BATTLE

Basketball Team on Home Stretch Toward Pennant.

But Kansas Aggies May Prove Upsetting Hurdle.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 28.—The University of Kansas basketball team

tonight faces one of two remaining hurdles in the stretch to the Missouri Valley championship in a game with the Kansas Aggies here. The Jayhawkers now have a slate of thirteen victories and one defeat in the championship race and there is every prospect that K. U. and Missouri will end the season with their percentages a tie.

The Aggies were defeated by K. U. on the Manhattan court, 32 to 23, and hope points to a Jayhawk victory again tonight. Kansas must win this evening's fray and then take the Nebraska Cornhuskers to a cleaning

here on March 6 if they are to stand a chance for the Valley honors. Nebraska also has been defeated by K. U. at Lincoln this season, so hope would again for a Kansas victory when the two teams meet in Lawrence next week.

Coach F. C. Allen's cagers have been playing wonderful basketball all season and their defeat of Missouri last week showed the K. U. athletes to be at top form. Captain Rody of the Jayhawkers is the leading point scorer of the Valley at present and has been in the lead practically all season.

Sport Notes

BY HAROLD HENDERSON.

The athletic authorities of Topeka high school are starting something new in the basketball line. Next Saturday has been designated as homecoming night and all former players have been invited to attend the Lawrence-Topeka game as guests of the school. They will be given reserved seats if possible.

The state Y. M. C. A. basketball

tournament will be held at Salina, March 13. The team of the local association is hoped to be a strong contender. It won the championship of the Northeast Kansas volleyball league and has had an ever-victorious season to date. Two of the strong teams it has defeated are Y. M. C. A. and the Central association of Kansas City, Mo. Among the teams which have entered the tournament are: Mercer, Salina, Wichita, Hutchinson, Newton and Topeka.

High school football fans and players in this section of Kansas are desiring another change in the arrangement of games. Topeka high school teams have been ranked with the strongest in the state during the last few seasons, but at the end of the season they find they have won nothing. The local fans receive the most satisfaction when the team defeats Lawrence, its ancient rival. The players and fans are now apparently in favor of forming a football league. The teams which would be considered for membership in the proposed league would be: Lawrence, Manhattan, Salina, Ottawa, Emporia, Kansas City, Kan., Leavenworth, Hutchinson or Wichita. Topeka plays practically all these eleven now. The benefits from the league would be the superior playing and the fighting for an attainment. Since the Northeast Kansas high school basketball league was organized the class of playing in this sport has been improved much.

The Kingman high school basketball team made a unique record last week. They won seven games in two days. This is probably the record of the season, excluding tournaments.

Final preparations for the third annual Crawford county basketball tournament, to be held in Croweburg, March 3 and 4, have been completed. Many teams are expected to enter. The Joplin and Pittsburg interurban lines will run special cars during the entire tournament for the convenience of fans.

The first interstate basketball tournament ever held in Wichita will be held March 24 and 25 under the auspices of Friends university. The Wichita board of commerce is co-operating in an effort to make the meet a success. All games will be played in the Wichita forum. Invitations have been mailed to two hundred teams in different states. Many have expressed their willingness to attend.

The basketball season for all Wichita schools will close this week. Friends and Fairmount will begin work in track and baseball next week. Wichita high school plays two of its most difficult games of the season. It will meet Kingman at Kingman Friday night and Nickerson at Wichita Saturday night. In case Wichita becomes the victor in both contests and Newton drops one of its remaining games, they will be tied for first honors in the Arkansas Valley league.

Kansas high school basketball is evidently much superior to that played in Oklahoma. Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Ponca City are mentioned as the strongest contenders for the Oklahoma title. Fort Scott defeated Oklahoma City with ease and Wichita decisively defeated Tulsa. The latter will probably be definitely decided when the interstate tournament is held at Winfield, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Winfield high school and Arkansas City quintets will close their Arkansas Valley league schedules with a game on the Arkansas City court.

R. C. Lewis, Coffeyville high school track coach, sounded the call for candidates for the team Monday afternoon. Practice will be held in the gymnasium until the arrival of warm weather. Inter-class meets will be held in the near future in order to discover the ability of the aspirants. The Verdigris Valley meet will be held at Coffeyville on April 29.

Coach Needham of Fort Scott high school is not only confident that his basketball team can cop the district tournament at Pittsburg, but feels that it will win the state championship. Newton basketball fans will give a benefit show Wednesday for the Newton Athletic club quintet. The proceeds will be used to help defray the expenses of the five at the national amateur meet at Kansas City, Mo., March 6. The team will demonstrate its basketball prowess by playing the Nickerson Athletic club five and the Hutchinson reformatory team on the same night.

A novel record was established last year in the Western league. Allen, Oklahoma City pitcher, allowed more hits than any other hurler in the league since his birth and at the same time won more games than any other pitcher.

The Lyons high school boys' and girls' basketball teams won a double-header game from Ellinwood last week and appear to improve as the season progresses. According to present indications the team will make a strong bid for the district tournament title at Sterling, March 19 and 21.

The Fredonia high school basketball team is following up its victory over Cherryvale last week with strenuous practices with the hope of winning the Verdigris Valley league title.

Argentine high school, which was outwitted from the Northeast Kansas Basketball league early in the season, continued its winning streak by defeating the Ottawa university seconds on the Argentine court last week.

The Emporia basketball fans ask the question, "What chance would the Kansas conference five have with the Missouri Valley schools?" In answer they state that Kansas Normal swamped the Kansas Aggies and the teachers could probably defeat Grinnell and Southwestern could give Kansas university a stiff battle.

The Raschens quintet, of Parsons, continued their winning streak last week by defeating the Concordia All-Stars by a score of 20 to 32 in a game played on the Concordia court. The Concordians could not cope with the style of play used by the players from southeastern Kansas. The Parsons team recently defeated the Glasco Redliners five which is known as "King of Solomon Valley basketball."

Leavenworth high school can now take pride in one more victory although it has only won three contests in the Northeast Kansas league. It defeated Holton recently by a score of 48 to 19 in a game played on the Leavenworth court. Holton will make a strong bid for the Horton district tournament title.

Pratt is planning an unusually successful district basketball tournament this season, and plans to hold it permanently in its new modern gymnasium. The annual southwest Kansas high school track meet, which had

been held at Cimarron for a number of years, will be held at Pratt, April 29.

Haven high school received its first defeat of the season Saturday, when Inman defeated it by a score of 25 to 19 in a game played on the Inman court.

The Norton high school five met its most disastrous road trip of the season last week, when it was defeated by Kirwin, Beloit and Cawker City.

Sheridan county (Hoxie) high school apparently is determined to make good its claim for the high school basketball championship of west central Kansas. It defeated Lenora by a score of 44 to 23 in a game played at Hoxie last week. Everett Bastin, center, is the backbone of the offensive and has scored 104 points in six games.

Purdue university clinched the championship of the Big Ten conference by defeating Illinois Saturday night. Although Purdue has not completed its conference schedule, it may lose its remaining games and yet retain the lead. The winning of this championship will have a tendency to hold the other schools in check.

The members of the Centre college basketball team were unable to use their fighting spirit to advantage and were defeated by Mercer college by a score of 32 to 17 in the opening round of the Southern college basketball championship.

The Rockhurst college quintet will play a return game with St. Benedict's at Atchison tonight. Rockhurst decisively defeated St. Benedict's in an early season contest at Kansas City, Mo. However, this game is hoped to be close.

Eldorado high school won the annual Butler county tournament Monday by defeating Augusta by a score of 55 to 24. Although El Dorado apparently won all tournament games with ease, it has been unable to win any games with teams outside of the county. It was defeated by Fort Scott, Wichita and Winfield.

The Oklahoma university wrestling team will close the season with a match Friday night at Norman with Texas Aggie matmen.

Indications are that the team, which wins the championship of the annual national basketball tournament at Kansas City will hold a representative title as teams from all sections of the country will enter.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Kansas Conference.

College of Emporia, 36; Baker, 22.

Kansas Wesleyan, 27; Bethany, 26.

Other Results.

Rolla, 34; William Jewell, 16.

High School Results.

Eldorado, 55; Towanda, 24.

McPherson, 36; Junction City, 5.

Jamestown, 36; Scottsville, 26.

Halstead, 36; Moundridge, 29.

New Golf Club at Harper.

Harper, Kan., Feb. 28.—Barber, Kingman, Pratt and Harper counties have formed a golf association, with Adrian Houck of Medicine Lodge president, and L. D. Banta of Harper secretary. Plans are under way for a tournament in May.

WITH THE PUGS

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Midget Smith won from Mickey Dalmont in eight rounds.

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—Johnny Griffiths beat Anthony Downey in ten rounds.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—Billy Ryan and Dave Slatte fought a ten round draw.

Louisville, Feb. 28.—Joe Burman trimmed Tommy Ryan in twelve rounds.

Des Moines, Feb. 28.—Sammy Sandow beat "Bad News" Eber in ten rounds.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 28.—Joe Large knocked out Mike Kearney in the third.

Memphis, Feb. 28.—Frankie Jammatti defeated Benny Levy in eight.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Daisy Edwards beat Chick Suggs in ten. Porky Flynn beat Joe Burke in ten.

Siox City, Feb. 28.—Jack Sharkey won from Earl McArthur in ten.

East Purser and Eddie Anderson fought a ten round draw.

Salt Lake, Feb. 28.—George Solis beat Al Walker in six rounds.

Harriburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Indian Russell knocked out Roy Mulligan in six rounds.

Catholic Children to Get Gym.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 28.—

Father E. S. Kelly, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, has announced plans for the erection at once of a gymnasium to serve all the Catholic children in Leavenworth and the surrounding territory. The building, constructed of brick and concrete, will occupy four lots near the business section.

Large Poorhouse But No Inmates.

Beloit, Feb. 28.—Mitchell county has a new \$20,000 almshouse, but is shy on indigent residents. The poor house had but one inmate for three months. Three prisoners from the county jail recently were removed to the county farm, however, bringing the inmates up to four.

Aged Leavenworth Resident Dies.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Sarah Parsons, 88 years old, a resident of Leavenworth for sixty years, and mother of Mayor D. R. Alford, this city, died today at Chadron, Neb., according to information received here. Mrs. Parsons was a native of Ireland.

Business Sold After 50 Years.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Feb. 28.—The Jeffrey Mercantile Co., of Elmdale, the oldest firm in Chase county, has just changed hands after being in business there for fifty years. It was fifty years ago this spring that the Jeffreys started a general store at Elmdale.

Netherlands Loan Floated Easily.

New York, Feb. 28.—The seventy-five million guilders loan negotiated by The Netherlands government with a group of American bankers was offered at public sale today and the entire amount was subscribed within a half hour.

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